

Executive Council Committee on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

November 6, 2019

Minutes of the Teleconference

HBCU COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Canon Martini Shaw (Chair), Ms. Martha Alexander, Fr. Jamie Callaway, Dr. Joel Cunningham, Canon Anita George, Canon Michele Hagans and Dr. Eugene Lowe. **Those absent:** Dr. Sean Decatur, Dr. Scott Evenbeck, Bishop Andrew Waldo.

Guests: Mr. Kurt Barnes, Father Ronald Byrd, Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple, Bishop Sam Rodman, and Ms. Cecilia Malm. **Absent:** Mr. Lang Lowrey.

Canon Shaw called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM EST. Father Callaway offered a prayer. The new appointment of Bishop Andrew Waldo to the committee was announced.

The Minutes of the October meeting were moved, seconded and approved as presented.

President Search Update

Bishop Anne, who is on the presidential search committee and on nominating committee for the trustees board, discussed the meeting that was held last week. The search continues. The committee has narrowed the field from 80 possible candidates. They will bring selected candidates to the campus to continue the search. Bishop Anne commented that Dr. John Larkin, chair of the search committee, has done a very good job within a complex system. Confidentiality within the search process was discussed.

Bishop Rodman reported on the presentation concerning real estate development adjacent to the university. This was by a reputable, high-end community developer, whose work is familiar to Bishop Rodman. Some interesting possibilities were explained but many questions remain unanswered. Bids for other proposals had not been invited, which was considered cause for concern. A conversation with Lang Lowrey will pursue this matter further.

Cecilia updated on Voorhees College. They have applied for a grant to start a community garden on campus that will be used for biology classes as well as food for their lunch program. The Absalom Jones appeal will be going out very soon along with letters to larger congregations asking that they make the offering a dedicated one on the Absalom Jones date. Planning for Bishop Curry's upcoming visit to the school is in the works.

Fr. Shaw raised the issue of having a Face-to-Face meeting on site during the PB's visit (April 7). Fr. Shaw will follow up on the PB's known visitation dates to Voorhees.

Next meeting: Monday, December 16 at 9:00 AM. It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Caparulo
Staff support to the committee

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